

Appl. No. 10/691,587
Amdt. dated October 24, 2003
Reply to Office Action June 29, 2006

REMARKS

The Examiner objected to the mention of US patents
5,996,579 and 5,762,063 to Coates et al. and US patent
5,791,340 to Schleufe et al in [0004]-[0005] of the
5 specification.

An Information Disclosure Statement listing these same
US patent references was filed January 21, 2004, a date
stamped receipt card has been received by the undersigned
and the IDS is shown in the file wrapper for this
10 application that is posted on the USPTO Public Pairs
website. However the Examiner has not acknowledged receipt
of the Information Disclosure Statement. Clarification of
this omission is respectfully requested.

The Abstract has been amended to correct the
15 formatting.

The Examiner indicated that Claims 3-14 would be
allowable if re-written in independent form.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the recitals of
Claims 9 and 10 in a Markush grouping.

20 Claim 3 has been amended to be in independent form
including the recitals of original Claim 1.

Claims 4-8 have not been amended and Claims 9-14 have
been cancelled.

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Accordingly, withdrawal of the Examiner's objections
are respectfully requested.

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